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Visit by the Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare



A delegation from the Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare, lead by Minister Jeon Jae-hee, visited Cambridge to learn more about research in Alzheimer's and the role of Cambridge University Health Partners (CUHP).

The visit was hosted by Cambridge Institute for Medical Research deputy director, Professor David Lomas on Friday 14th May 2010.

CUHP Chief Operating Officer, Stephen Davies presented to the delegation an overview of the academic clinical enterprise in Cambridge including the role of Cambridge and the Cambridge sub-region in the UK economy; the Cambridge Academic Health Science Centre and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. He explained that together these three elements provide a means of combining the resources of the NHS, the University of Cambridge and other biomedical research partners to generate a range of economic and social benefits.

Professor Peter Jones, one of the clinical academic leads on the Board of Directors of CUHP also presented to the delegation. He described the advantages of CUHP in creating a strategic approach to the tripartite mission of research, education and service delivery.

The delegation then heard presentations about the Wellcome Trust/MRC Neurodegeneration Research Consortium on Alzheimer's Disease which investigates key areas in the biology of Alzheimer's disease, and toured the Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Facility. Professor Peter St George-Hyslop, Wellcome Trust Principal Research Fellow and leader of the consortium joined the proceedings by video link from the USA.

Minister Jeon Jae-hee described the challenges from Alzheimer's disease facing Korean society as a result of demographic changes and spoke of her interest in future collaboration in this field.

Back row, left to right

David Klenerman, Professor in Biophysical Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, University of Cambridge

Damian Crowther, Neuroscientist, Department of Genetics, University of Cambridge

Malcolm Edwards, Secretary School of Clinical Medicine, University of Cambridge

David Rubinsztein, Professor of Molecular Neurogenetics/Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellow in Clinical Sciences/Honorary Consultant in Medical Genetics, University of Cambridge

Lisa Saksida, Senior Lecturer, Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Cambridge

Kei Cho, Professor of Neuroscience, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Bristol

Graham Collingridge, Professor of Neuroscience in Anatomy, University of Bristol

Jung Sung-chul, Director General, New Technology Development (R&D) Division, Korea Health Industry Development Institute (KHIDI)

Kim Gang-lip, Director General, Bureau of Health Industry, The Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW), Korea

Jang Kyung-won, Director General Global Healthcare Business Center, Korea Health Industry Development Institute (KHIDI)

Woo Jae Joon, Policy Adviser to the Minister, The Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW), Korea

Front row, left to right

Peter Jones, Head of Department of Psychiatry/Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist, Director of the NIHR CLAHRC for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

David A Lomas, Professor of Respiratory Biology/Honorary Consultant Physician, Deputy Director, Cambridge Institute for Medical Research, (CIMR), University of Cambridge

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